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LOCAL POLITICAL NOTES.

The Times-Herald says: A few months ago, when Mr. Spencer F. Kimbell, a man of wealth and position, was found voting in the company of the Council bachelors The Times-Herald noted the fact in sorrow. Mr. Kimbell protested against the comment with much show of virtuous indignation.

Monday the first step toward "securing adequate compensation to the city for street railway franchises" was taken in the introduction of an ordinance for the appointment of a commission to secure information regarding the value of these franchises. It was Mr. Kimbell's second chance. He improved it as before by voting with "Blind Billy," "Bath House," Portman, "Hinky Dink" and Johnny Powers, and against the party of decency in the Council.

The president of the Municipal Voters' League calls upon Mr. Kimbell to "put himself right before the community," and we think it is high time the alderman from the Twenty-seventh ward remembered his pledge and did something to justify the protestations of honesty that he made so vociferously early in the summer. He has had two chances. How many does he expect before the same rule is applied to him in the Council that he would apply in his own business: "A man is judged by the company he keeps?"

Recently the London Chronicle published a story to the effect that a strong London syndicate had sent to the United States government through Consul General Osborne an offer to purchase the Union Pacific Railroad. It was part of this story that on the strength of this offer our government was expecting to realize at least \$10,000,000 and perhaps \$11,000,000 or \$12,000,000.

Having regard for its reputation for truth and veracity, the London paper prints this story "under reserve." And it does well. The statement sent out from Washington two or three days ago that the government was going to get \$5,000,000 more than it had expected suggested that there was a rival bidder concealed somewhere and affords a certain support to the London tale.

But it is not easy to believe that our Washington officials really have any hope of getting as much as \$10,000,000 on the government's junior lien. If they do get it they will have reason to be happy.

Senator Mark A. Hanna is expected in Chicago to attend the Marquette Club banquet Saturday night, and his visit will attract to town a number of other politicians of national note and members of the Republican National Committee.

This will be the first visit of the Republican chairman to the city since the campaign closed, and in consequence he will be much sought after by men who want offices and are anxious for the influence of the campaign manager. A conference has been arranged to take place between Senator Hanna, National Committeeman H. C. Payne of Wisconsin and Executive Committeeman Charles G. Dawes of Illinois, and possibly others, at which questions of patronage will be talked over. That matter, it is said on good authority, will receive more attention by the national committeemen who gather here than the various State campaigns that are now in progress. There is nothing particular for the national committee to do in connection with the State campaigns. It is pointed out, as the Republican State organizations are very complete this year and fully capable of attending to all details.

But there is a lot of subject matter regarding patronage that members of the national committee would like to discuss, according to the reports. They want to make provision for some men who did work in the campaign, and to decide upon efforts that will be made with the appointing powers is to be one of the main objects of the conference.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, Oct. 5, Senator Hanna and Senator Thurston of Nebraska addressed the largest off-year political meeting ever held in Southern Ohio. Over 6,000 strangers were present from Pike, Adams, Jackson and Lawrence counties, Ohio, and Greenup and Lewis counties, Kentucky. A cavalry parade a mile in length preceded the afternoon meeting, which was addressed by Senators Thurston and Hanna. Vice President Peabody of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway and Lieutenant Governor Worthington of Kentucky. Senator Hanna was billed for the evening meeting, but was compelled to go to Chillicothe on a special train to address a meeting. The night meeting in Kendall's Hall was addressed by Governor Worthington, General Shattuck, D. D. Woodmansee, Congressman Fenton, Senator Crandall and A. C. Smith.

Crandall for State Senator and Smith for Adams-Pike Representative were nominated by acclamation by the Republican conventions.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—"My observation of the political situation in Ohio," said Director Joseph P. Smith of the Bureau of American Republics, "leads me to believe that Senator Hanna will have no trouble about succeeding himself. Everything is in good shape from a political standpoint so far as the Republicans are concerned, and all we have to do is to take advantage of prevailing conditions and win our battle this fall.

"This is a good year for the farmers, too, and an incident which came under my observation in my native town recently will serve to illustrate this statement. An old farmer, accompanied by one of his boys, came into town with a load of potatoes to sell. He became separated in some manner from his produce, and while absent the boy undertook to drive a bargain with a clerk at one of the big stores.

"What will you take for your potatoes?" queried the clerk.

"What will you give?" was the reply.

"They ought to bring about 65 cents a bushel," said the clerk.

"You can't get them at no such figure," replied the farmer's boy; "we are

counting on getting 75 cents a bushel for them."

"There was a conference between the clerk and the proprietor of the store, the upshot being an agreement to take the potatoes at the boy's figures. While the potatoes were being unloaded the farmer himself put in an appearance and inquired what they were doing. Upon being told that the potatoes had been sold at the figures asked by his boy the old fellow ejaculated: 'Not by a blank sight. I have my own price for those potatoes, and you can't have them for a cent less than a dollar a bushel.' The storekeeper took the potatoes.

"This serves to show that the farmer is really an important factor in the era of prosperity that has set in, and he appreciates this to the utmost. Republicans in our state are not making much fuss over the progress of the times, but they are determined to avail themselves of what is being put before them, and they cannot fail to win the fight in the Buckeye State this year."

The announcement from Washington that Secretary Taft would soon announce that deputy collectors of customs and internal revenue were not under civil service rules created considerable talk among the twenty-three deputy collectors in Chicago, who would be affected by such an announcement. Collector F. E. Coyne was besieged with applicants for deputyships. He has seventeen deputies in his office, who, with the exception of four women and two men, are Democrats. At the custom house there are six deputies, Messrs. Hitt and Jewell are Republicans, but the other four division chiefs, McCreary, Griffith, Nash, and Henning, are appointees of Collector Russell.

The patrons of the West Chicago Street Railroad company would have enjoyed visiting the company's cars shops this week and seeing the handsome new coaches, as many as 150 in number, with which the Madison street and Ogden avenue lines are to be equipped the coming season.

The finishing touches are being rapidly put to the fine outfit, and the visitor would scarcely believe that it is the result of rebuilding the cars that did service last winter. They have been completely transformed, remodeled, and refurnished. The length of the car body is now twenty-one feet, while the platform at each end has been lengthened to fully five and a half feet. The hoods over the platform are correspondingly amplified, and form a continuous protection, suggesting a vestibuled train. The cars are heated by the latest and most approved mechanism, and are brilliantly lighted by gas, the illuminating equipment being the Plintsch system.

The windows are supplied with rubber bumpers that keep them from rattling. The trains are carpeted with the most expensive seating carpet that is made, all woven to order.

Madison street is to be completely equipped with these cars. Also Ogden avenue, the latter to have electric heaters and electric lights. The construction work has been done in shops that have all the facilities for such undertakings. Indeed, the company's car shops on West Fourth street are not equaled by those of any other private corporation in the land, and a busy scene it was Thursday, when the superintendent showed the reporter through the immense plant, where hundreds of mechanics were engaged upon the new rolling stock.

The popular Vice President, Mr. George A. Yulie, said later that it was President Yerkes' uniform policy to give the West Side all that was best in the way of street car facilities, and no labor nor expense was spared to secure to the patrons of the company's lines the very latest and most approved equipment to add to the comfort and even luxury of travel over the constantly enlarging mileage and service. Mr. Yerkes had personally inspected the new outfit in all the stages of the work, and had made several suggestions that had enhanced the effectiveness of the equipment.

The Chicago Reporting and Mercantile Agency at 1002-4 Chicago Opera House, is one of the most reliable agencies west of New York. Mr. D. B. Strickland, the president and manager, was for many years the credit man for one of the largest jobbing houses in Chicago; his experience as credit man has enabled him to make a great success of his mercantile agency, and he now numbers the best merchants of Chicago among his patrons.

Lyman E. Cooley on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, sent in his resignation as consulting engineer of the Drainage Board.

He was employed by the Board in January last to go to Springfield to lobby for some appropriation bills, and the honorary title of consulting engineer was given him as an excuse for putting his name on the pay rolls. The idea of every one except Mr. Cooley was his services should cease with the end of his legislative duties, but he continued to send in his salary bill every month at the rate of \$500 long after the General Assembly had adjourned.

Some time ago Trustees Eckhart, Carter and Braden began to protest against this, and Mr. Cooley's bills for June and July were hung up, at their instance, and the August bill omitted from the pay roll. When the list for September, however, came to the meeting of the Board, Mr. Cooley's name was again on it, and at the same time his resignation came along. Trustees Eckhart and Braden were absent from the meeting, but all except Trustees Jones and Smith promptly voted to accept it. Then a formal resolution of thanks to Mr. Cooley was adopted, all the trustees voting for it except Carter, who was excused from voting.

It is expected Mr. Cooley will now be allowed the four months' back pay, that being the arrangement under which the resignation was sent in.

It is reported that the Hon. Dennis F. Connelley is about to withdraw from politics.

Hon. E. G. Schubert, the efficient and popular secretary of the Board of West Park Commissioners, denies the rumor that he is a candidate for County Clerk to succeed his friend, Hon. Phil Knopf.

It is more than likely, however, that Mr. Schubert will be the next Congressman from the Seventh District, as he is one of the most popular Republicans in the district, and his experience of two terms in the Illinois Legislature have well qualified him for the higher office.

The last of the leases for the use of the Union Loop was signed when President Leslie Carter, of the South Side Elevated Railroad, affixed his signature to the document. The Metropolitan, the Lake Street and the Northwestern Elevated have already become parties to the lease, and within the next week or ten days the Metropolitan and the Lake Street will be running all trains around the loop.

There was a conference of all the elevated railroad officials at the office of Mr. Yerkes, 444 North Clark street. Mr. Yerkes was not present, but his interests were looked after by Judge Jamieson, general counsel for the loop company, and D. H. Louderback, the chief lieutenant of Mr. Yerkes. At the close of the conference the announcement was made that the last of the differences had been settled and the leases had all been signed.

The South Side Elevated has had the iron in Chicago for several weeks to build the connection with the loop. The company will have only a short half block to build in Harrison street from the alley, between State street and Wabash avenue, to Wabash. All the foundations were put in some time ago, and the iron for the structure was hauled to the place for the building of the connection. This work can be completed inside the next four weeks.

The increase in traffic as a result of the operation of the trains on the loop is estimated at from 20 to 50 per cent, on the present traffic.

It is the intention of the Metropolitan to start using the loop Sunday. The Lake Street expects to begin operating on the four sides even earlier.

The Northwestern Elevated is still a long way from completion, but under the terms of the lease it must begin paying at the rate of \$62,500 a year from the present time, though it will not likely be in a position to get any benefit from the loop for at least twelve months.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company has 200 men at work filling in an area of four acres at the foot of 20th street to make a foundation for a big roundhouse, it is believed. Five thousand piles have already been driven, and another trainload was unloaded Wednesday. It is said the company obtained permission to do the work from the Secretary of War and the Commissioner of Public Works of this city. The area being filled in is to replace the breakwater washed away at this point.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 6.—(Special to the Eagle.)—Peter A. Rowe of the Second Chicago District was here Sunday, and it is said told the governor that his signing the garnishment bill meant his (Rowe's) political death.

Other representatives have advised the governor of similar results. It is known the bill was passed with a liberal supply of money, and Mr. Tanner is just finding out how he was duped.

It is stated upon excellent authority that the Governor has called Representative Selby before him and announced that he desired the names of the alleged labor leaders who authorized them to tell the governor they demanded his signature on the garnishment bill.

Who said Hon. Hubert W. Butler wasn't proud of his colleague, Spencer Kimbell?

Senator Foraker of Ohio reached Washington on Saturday morning, and vigorously denied the report which had preceded him that he had withdrawn from the campaign in Ohio, and had canceled his engagements.

"That is a characteristic Democratic misstatement," said Senator Foraker. "It was put out by Democratic papers for political effect, and is absolutely without foundation. I expect to leave Washington on Monday, and will go to Toledo, to take up the campaign work again. My trip to the East is a business one, and my absence from the campaign will be very brief. The campaign is progressing to the utmost satisfaction of the Republicans, and I believe there is every prospect of a Republican victory, with large majorities. The people have received our speakers cordially and listened with closer attention than I had expected. I was afraid that this campaign, coming on the heels of the elaborate canvass of the State last fall, might find the people listless and unwilling to fall into line to save the State again; but such is not the case."

"Are the Democrats making free coinage of silver an issue?" Senator Foraker was asked.

"Well, as a matter of fact we are not paying much attention to our Democratic friends, and hardly know what they are doing. They seem, however, to be devoting their attention principally to attacks upon Senator Hanna. I do not think they can possibly carry the State, and I believe that we will elect the whole ticket and return Mr. Hanna to the Senate."

Senator Foraker was very indignant at the statements that he had gone out of the campaign. He said the Democratic papers that published them knew them to be untrue. State Chairman Nash was aware of his proposed trip to Washington, he said, and had canceled engagements for the time of his absence only.

The Cleveo Water, Gas and Electric Light Company has offered to sell its Oak Park plant to the township of Cleveo for the sum of \$1,820,000, to be paid in 26 annual installments.

A committee of citizens has been appointed to investigate the advisability of making the purchase and to report within two weeks to the town board.

President Traill of the town board was elected on pledges to push municipal ownership and the present agitation is the outgrowth of his efforts.

It is generally conceded, however, that the company will have to scale down its price before the town will seriously consider the purchase.

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